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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/280,518
Filing Date	April 5, 1999
Examiner Name	Hai C. PHAM
First Named Inventor	Kensuke FUJIWARA
Group Art Unit	2861
Attorney Docket Number	32739 M 008

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of **\$1,300** is enclosed : \$770 - RCE Filing Fee + \$530 - balance due for 3rd extension.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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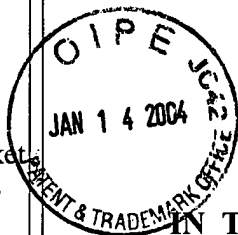
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CONFIRMATION NO. 5926

Applicant : Kensuke FUJIWARA
Serial No. : 09/280,518 Art Unit : 2861
Filed : April 5, 1999 Examiner : Hai Chi PHAM
For : LASER INTENSITY ADJUSTING METHOD

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114(c) AND
RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 25**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir :

Entry and consideration of this Response courteously are solicited. This paper is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114(c) in order to reply to the issues raised in the Office Action of July 15, 2003 and the Advisory Action of January 13, 2004. A Petition for a three-month extension of the response period, up to and including January 15, 2004, also is submitted herewith. The balance due of the Petition fee, \$530, is provided by the undersigned firm's attached check.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Pending claims 6-13 are shown in the attached "Listing of Claims."